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SUBJECT: Proposed Trip to COCOM Discussions

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1. I have discussed with Mr. [REDACTED] the intelligence support requirements on transportation equipment for the COCOM meetings.

2. This category is to be examined not only with respect to production and technology, but also with respect to capabilities and limitations of the Soviet Bloc transportation system. A question of primary importance is how the removal of control lists would affect these capabilities with respect to shipments of goods from Soviet Bloc countries to Communist China.

3. In light of this discussion it appears that adequate COCOM support requires a technical expert in the field of Soviet Bloc transportation as a service as well as transportation equipment as such.

4. Since I am not a technical expert in either of these fields, I would have to be briefed on both of these subjects in a very short period of time. It would probably be better from the point of view of the Agency (and the US Government as a whole) to brief someone else on one subject who is already familiar with the other.

5. It is therefore recommended that I be removed from this assignment and that an expert on Soviet transportation and its problems be briefed on Soviet transportation equipment, production and technology. *of [REDACTED]*

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